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Sent: 8/24/2018 4:55:24 PM
To: Adair, Jillian [adair.jillian@epa.gov]
Subject: Fwd: EPA Data Request: Anacostia River

Jillian,

See below for a response from our DNR. Could you follow up with them?

Thanks,
Melissa

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From: **Dan Boward -DNR-** <dan.boward@maryland.gov>
Date: Fri, Aug 24, 2018 at 12:52 PM
Subject: Re: EPA Data Request: Anacostia River
To: Melissa Chatham -MDE- <melissa.chatham@maryland.gov>
Cc: Scott Stranko -DNR- <scott.stranko@maryland.gov>, Jay Kilian -DNR- <jay.kilian@maryland.gov>

Hi Melissa,

The MBSS assigns a "trash rating" to all of our sites.

From our manual:

Trash Rating. The trash rating is scored on a 0-20 scale based on criteria found on the Stream Habitat Assessment Guidance Sheet. The scoring of this metric is based on the amount of human refuse in the stream and along the banks of the sample segment.

Trash Rating

Optimal (16-20) Little or no human refuse visible from stream channel or riparian zone

Sub Optimal (11-15) Refuse present in minor amounts

Marginal (6-10) Refuse present in moderate amounts

Poor (0-5) Refuse abundant and unsightly

Would you be interested in MBSS trash data (scores) from our Anacostia watershed sites (2009-2017)? I can include the sample date so you can purge the sites you don't want.

Please advise.

Dan



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On Fri, Aug 24, 2018 at 12:30 PM Melissa Chatham -MDE- <melissa.chatham@maryland.gov> wrote:
(You are receiving this email as an interested party of the Anacostia River and MD's TMDL Program)

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is seeking readily available data and information on debris/floatables/trash (hereafter referred to as "trash") in the Anacostia River watershed for use in the development of a total maximum daily load (TMDL). On September 21, 2010, EPA approved a trash TMDL for the Anacostia River submitted jointly by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) and the District of Columbia Department of Energy and the Environment (DOEE). On September 19, 2016, the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) filed suit in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia seeking vacatur of EPA's approval [Civil Action No. 16-1861 (JDB)]. The Court ruled in favor of NRDC on March 30, 2018 and directed EPA to develop or approve replacement TMDLs. EPA would appreciate your assistance in obtaining all readily available data and other information that would benefit the development of TMDLs for trash impairments in the Anacostia River watershed. Please refer to the data solicitation document for more information.

The data solicitation document can be found here and in today's Federal Register:

www.mde.maryland.gov/programs/Water/TMDL/DraftTMDLforPublicComment/Documents/EPA_Anacostia_Trash_data_call.pdf

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